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The patents, publications and other document listed on the enclosed PTO Form-1449 are submitted pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98. Copies of the documents are enclosed as necessary.

US Patent No. 4,770,464 is the English language equivalent of EP 0 250 290;

US Patent No. 4,348,050 is the English language equivalent of EP 0 023 863;

US Patent No. 4,523,786 is the English language equivalent of FR 2 530 436; and

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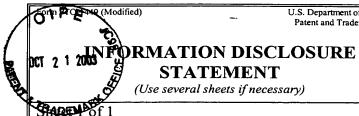
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